



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

'Adventurous risk takers; persistent focussed achievement'

25th February 2019

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e leilei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Ni hao, Chào bạn

Welcome to our new students and parents, and welcome back to our existing families! We all enjoyed meeting so many of you on the first day of school during our **MI Whānau Day**. Our survival camp is always a highlight. As well as being hugely enjoyable, it allows us to learn things like financial capability and working cooperatively in a meaningful context and make use of our wonderful environment. Well done to all the students who excelled in our EOTC adventure! A massive thanks to those parents who helped us by coming along.

You can help us further by filling the 'Tell Us About Your Child!' information sheet and getting that back to us as soon as possible. Because you know and understand your child better than us, please take this opportunity to tell us all those little things that may make the journey easier for your child.

MI Learner's Journey

At Manurewa Intermediate we believe our job is to provide the best education possible for our students. Specialisation gives teachers who are passionate about and are an expert in a subject, an opportunity to focus on that area. Our revitalised inquiry learning system 'Broadening Horizons 2.0' has us really excited about the possibilities and opportunities our students will have to learn this year.

Our **MI Learner's Journey** starts this week as classes begin their first timetable module; Module Three: 'MI Way'. Through this our students will explore what it means to be successful in life, but especially at Manurewa Intermediate. The focus will be on 'How to be a great scientist, mathematician, reader and writer at M.I!'

Hauora, Monday Magic, Friday Frenzy

In **Hauora**, students will be looking at the Manurewa Intermediate Graduate Profile and what our vision is for students to become by the time they finish their two year journey at M.I. All of these exciting activities will help your children value learning and achievement. On the back of this letter is a copy of our Graduate Profile to provide further information.

In **Monday Magic**, all classes will be learning about **Education for Sustainability**. At Intermediate level, proactively sustaining our environment for the future through positive contribution is an important concept. Our students need to be armed with these skills. The key competency of **Managing Self** will be a target skill for them to work towards.

In **Friday Frenzy** all classes will be taking part in Communication Literacy. The art of conversing and adjusting the way we listen and speak in different contexts is an extremely valuable life skill. In 'Com-Lit' students will be developing these skills in a number of fun and collaborative ways.

Keys to Success

Our 'Stepping Up Programme' is our own behaviour management system that suits our environment. It is based on the belief that all students have the right to learn and all teachers have a right to teach! A big part of this programme are our Keys to Success: **Look after ourselves, look after each other, and look after our property and environment.**

SMART Target

Each term the students explore a SMART Target. Each class will develop several indicators to assist students to achieve the target. This term's SMART Target is: **Right place, right time, right gear!**

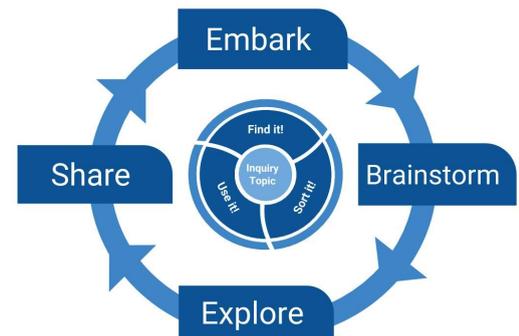
Learning Opportunities

Manurewa Intermediate is an amazing place for your children. Talk to your child every night about what they are doing at school and what they are learning. Keep track of deadlines by checking their MI Planner and asking them for notices and newsletters. And as always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning please contact your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely

Ben Hutchings – *Deputy Principal: Learning and Teaching.*

Broadening Horizons 2.0



Term One Values

**Manaakitanga, Respect, Engagement and Teamwork,
Communication.**